

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry "documentary" days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. This media outlet makes no effort to balance its coverage, and this particular demand by Sinclair Broadcasting is particularly egregious since the airing is being demanded of all stations, and is actually a paid political announcement. This is not the first time Sinclair management has dictated programming to local stations. My tax dollars should not be spent on blatant propaganda; this is illegal, and an affront to the public.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.